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Item 1 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixty-ninth session*,**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 12 June 2018

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Workshop on Data Quality in Inland Waterway Statistics.
3. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies.
4. Data collection, methodological development and harmonization of transport statistics:
   (a) Glossary for Transport Statistics;

* For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Sustainable Transport Division's website: www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatwp6agenda.html. During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, the third floor, Palais des Nations).

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(b) Classification systems for transport statistics;

(c) Common questionnaire;

(d) Road traffic accident statistics and rail traffic accident statistics;

(e) Pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance;

(f) Pilot questionnaire on bus and coach statistics;

(g) Intermodal transport statistics.

5. Traffic censuses in the ECE region:

(a) 2015 and 2020 E-Road traffic censuses;

(b) 2015 and 2020 E-Rail traffic censuses.

6. Development of a global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals.

7. Dissemination of transport statistics by The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

8. Statistical activities of member States of interest to the Working Party.

9. Capacity-building activities.

10. Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics.

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12. Election of Officers.

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(a) Date of next session;

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item to be considered is the adoption of the agenda.

Documentation

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2. Workshop on Data Quality in Inland Waterway Statistics

The Working Party will invite various experts from national administrations, international organizations and other interested stakeholders to present and discuss methods and challenges in the collection of inland waterway statistics, with particular focus on innovative collection methods, links to intermodality, and the uses of the data collected.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2018/4

3. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the results of the eightieth session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) on 20-23 February 2018, in particular about its decisions relating to the activities of the Working Party.

Documentation

Informal Document ITC (2018) No.13

4. Data collection, methodological development and harmonization of transport statistics

(a) Glossary for Transport Statistics

The Working Party may wish to be updated on progress concerning the preparation of the fifth edition of the Glossary. Updates may be received from:

- The informal Group of Experts established at the previous session; with each modal coordinator providing details where relevant
- The consultants commissioned by Eurostat
- The Intersecretariat Working Group.

The Working Party may wish to discuss the proposed amendments to the Glossary and consider any final amendments, recognizing the importance of keeping definitions constant where possible to maintain inter-temporal comparability.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2018/01, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2018/02

(b) Classification system for transport statistics

The Working party may wish to consider the merits of proposing the Glossary for Transport Statistics as a formal statistical classification to the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications, under the United Nations Statistical Commission.

The Working Party may wish to exchange views on implementing the NST 2007 Standard Goods Classification for Transport Statistics. Delegates are invited to inform the Working Party of their experiences on the use of NST 2007 at the present session.

(c) Common questionnaire

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the availability of data collected through the common questionnaire for transport statistics, and the secretariat's activities aimed at increasing the response rate. Delegates may wish to exchange views on the practical aspects of providing data through the common questionnaire.

(d) Road traffic accident statistics and rail traffic accident statistics

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the availability of data on road traffic accidents.

Recalling that at its previous session the Working Party decided to permanently collect data on rail accidents, the Working Party may wish to be informed about rail accident data availability.

The Working Party will be informed on the availability of statistics on accidents at level crossings, recalling that it decided to send a level crossing safety questionnaire at the sixty-seventh session. The Working Party may wish to consider collecting these data permanently.

Given the increasing importance of comparing safety across different modes of transport, the Working Party may wish to discuss producing combined safety data for road and rail accidents, possibly in combination with more activity data such as passenger-km.

The Working Party may wish to be informed about ongoing work by the secretariat on road safety, such as the road safety performance reviews and participation in the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Partnership Inter-Agency meeting on Road Safety Data in Marrakesh, Morocco.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2018/7, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2018/10

(e) Pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance

At its previous sessions, the Working Party adopted the pilot questionnaire on road traffic performance. The Working Party may wish to hear from Eurostat and the secretariat on developments concerning this collection.

The Working Party may wish to be informed about data availability from this pilot questionnaire, discuss potential uses of the data collected, and consider continuing this pilot collection.

(f) Pilot questionnaire on bus and coach statistics

The Working Party will recall that at its last session, the pilot questionnaire on bus and coach statistics was continued, and that the secretariat committed to publish these data. The Working Party may wish to be updated on the current data availability within this dataset,

and consider possible uses for these data, not least in measuring the Sustainable Development Goals.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2018/5

(g) Intermodal transport statistics

The Working Party may wish to be informed on the results of the Eurostat Task Force on intermodal transport, and may wish to discuss potential new data collections in relation to this.

5. Traffic censuses in the ECE region

(a) 2015 and 2020 E-Road traffic censuses

The Working Party may wish to exchange views on the 2015 E-Road Traffic Census, and receive updates on which countries have submitted data. Further, the secretariat can present the new interactive visualisation of the E-Road census results, and the Working Party may wish to discuss potential improvements and uses of this visualisation. In particular, the Working Party may wish to be updated on the progress of the Group of Experts on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Transport Networks and Nodes (WP.5/GE.3) and their uses of the census visualisation for identification of climate change hot-spots that would likely affect key infrastructure points.

The Working Party may wish to consider draft recommendations to governments on procedures and methodologies for the 2020 E-Road Traffic Census, in particular issuing new guidance for the provision of census maps in electronic format rather than manually-drawn maps. The draft resolution on the census for adoption by the UNECE ITC in 2019 should also be considered.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2018/3, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2018/11

(b) 2015 and 2020 E-Rail traffic censuses

The Working Party may wish to exchange views on the 2015 E-Rail Traffic Census, and receive updates on which countries have submitted data, noting the deadline of 30 June 2017. The Working Party may wish to be informed of the progress that the secretariat has made in disseminating the results of the E-Rail census, in particular on interactive visualisation of the results.

The Working Party may wish to consider draft recommendations to governments on procedures and methodologies for the 2020 E-Road Traffic Census, and a draft resolution on the census for adoption by the UNECE ITC in 2019.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2018/8

6. Development of a global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals

The Working Party will be informed about:

- The activities of the Interagency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals indicators (IAEG-SDG), in particular about the list of the indicators to measure the Sustainable Development Goals related to transport.
- The secretariat's involvement in other initiatives in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals, such as the Sustainable Mobility for All initiative and its Mobility Global Tracking Framework.

Documentation

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7. Dissemination of transport statistics by The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

The Working Party will be informed about the status of the UNECE database on transport statistics and the status of the publications: Statistics for Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America (RAS) and the "UNECE Inland Transport Statistics for Europe and North America"[1] (formerly Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe and North America (ABTS)).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.6/2018/9

8. Statistical activities of member States of interest to the Working Party

The Working Party may wish to receive reports from member States on their current and future activities in the field of transport statistics, with particular emphasis on novel approaches to data collection, national strategies in achieving and measuring the transport-related Sustainable Development Goals, or any other topic of interest to the Working Party.

9. Capacity-building activities

The Working Party may wish to be informed about several workshops on transport statistics in 2017 and 2018, including:

- Podgorica, Montenegro (11-12 October 2017)
- Astana, Kazakhstan (2-3 November 2017)
- Ljubljana, Slovenia (16-17 November 2017)
- Kachreti, Georgia (15-16 February 2018).

The Working Party may wish to discuss future capacity-building activities to be undertaken.

[1] Both publications are available at www.unece.org/transport/resources/publications/transport-statistics.html.

10. Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the activities of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (IWG).

11. Statistical activities of international organizations of interest to the Working Party

The Working Party may wish to receive reports from representatives of the following organizations on their current and future activities in the field of transport statistics:

- European Commission (DG MOVE)
- European Commission (Eurostat)
- International Transport Forum (ITF)
- International Union of Railways (UIC)
- Other international organizations.

12. Election of Officers

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure and established practice, the Working Party will elect a Chair for the next sessions in 2019-2020.

13. Other business

(a) Date of next session

The secretariat has tentatively scheduled the sixty-ninth session for 12-14 June 2019 at the Palais des Nations (Geneva).

(b) Information on upcoming meetings on transport statistics

The Working Party may wish to be informed about dates and locations of upcoming meetings on transport statistics in 2018 and 2019.

14. Summary of decisions

In line with established practice and in accordance with the decision of the ITC (ECE/TRANS/156, para. 6), at the end of the session, the Chair will make a brief summary of the decisions taken. Following the session, the ECE secretariat, in cooperation with the Chair, will draw up a report on the outcome of the session.